

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1038

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Barker, George L.

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Foster care; school placement

5. Summary: Allows a child placed in foster care to remain at his original school, if it is determined to be in his best interests. The bill requires the determination to be made in writing by the placing social services agency and adds the school placement to the foster care plan.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Is Unknown (see item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, a foster care child may be allowed to remain at the school prior to placement if the sending division and receiving division agree to allow it. This legislation will remove the affected school divisions from the decision-making process.

Any potential fiscal impact related to foster care placement ultimately depends on where the foster child is placed. At this time, it is unknown what impact, if any, the removal of the affected school divisions from the decision-making process would have on foster care placement. If a child moves from a low composite index division to a high composite index division, the state share of cost would decrease and vice versa. Without knowing the divisions affected by this legislation, it is not possible to reliably estimate any potential fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Education
Local School Divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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